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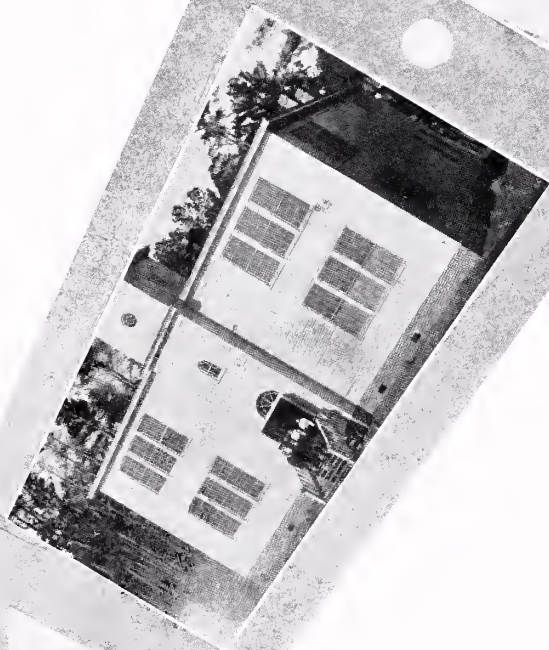
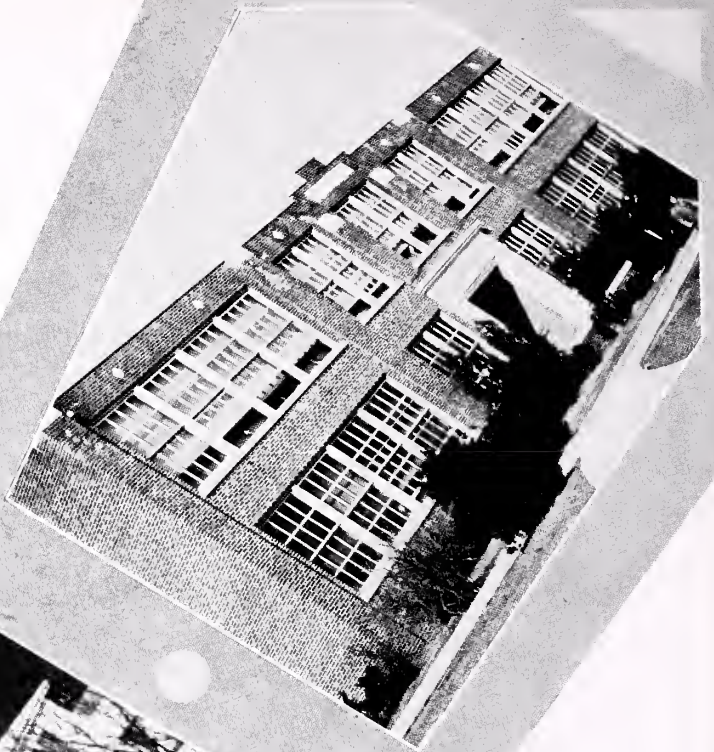
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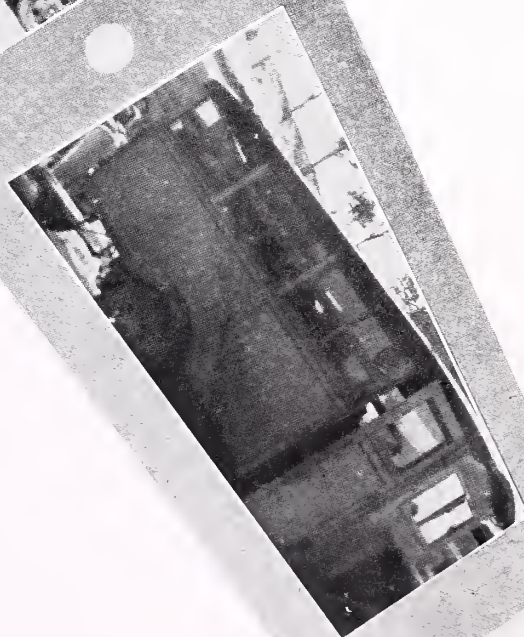
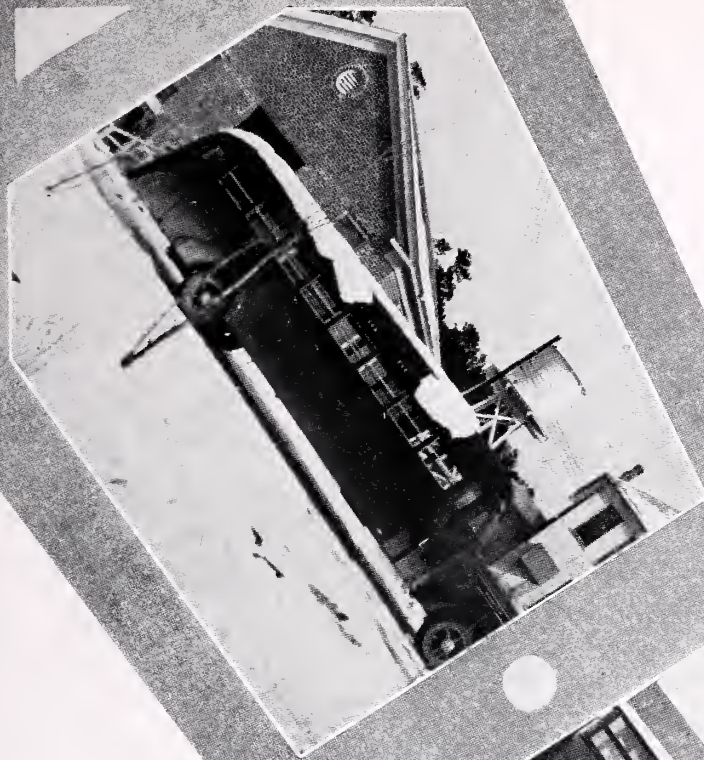
At the beginning of a new decade of the twentieth century we present the sixth volume of our YORK CHRONICLE. In future time it is our great hope that in scanning its pages you will indeed find it a true chronicle of our scholastic life in a long gone year.



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## *In Memoriam*

Mrs. Victoria Freeman, first president of the organization, now the Poquoson Parent Teachers Association which from its inception has been diligent in facilitating the education of the youth of York County.

## *In Honor of*

Mrs. Garland Forrest, the present president of the Poquoson Parent Teachers Association, under whose direction the organization is continuing the efforts of educating the youth of York County.



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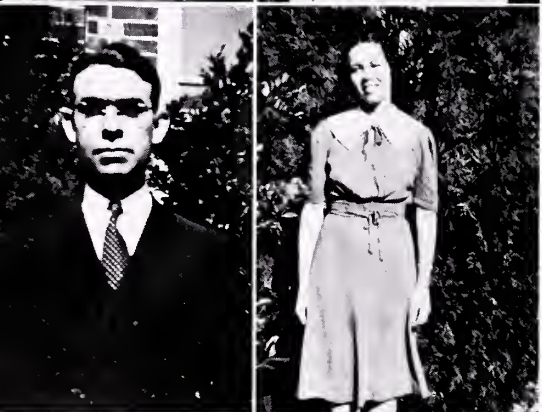
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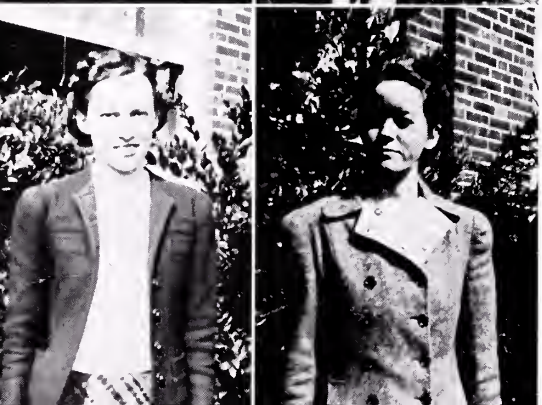
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*Seventh Grade*

# THE STUDENT COUNCIL

## OFFICERS

President .....	IVA MOORE
Vice-President .....	JUNE SMITH
Secretary-Treasurer .....	RANDOLPH MONTGOMERY

The Student Council was organized five years ago with Robert Crutchfield as President. From that time to this the purpose has been the same, to help the school in any way by which the student body will benefit.

The work in general consists of promoting athletics, preparing for assembly programs, conducting a safety court, providing a means of publishing news, and performing many other services which will help the school.

The Council functions as a democratic body. The officers are elected by popular vote of the student body. Each class elects its representatives to the Council, two each from the two upper classes, one each from the lower classes. The council works through committees, with a member as chairman, a faculty advisor and several students chosen for their ability on the lines of work on each committee.

Some of its objectives of the year were the scraping, sanding, varnishing and waxing of the gymnasium floor and the purchase of chairs for the cafeteria to eliminate the benches formerly in use. Funds for these causes were raised by presentation of movies, plays and variety programs. The productions always packed the auditorium to capacity. Thus all projects of the Council were completed in good order to give it a most successful year.

Left to Right: Aubrey Moore, Norma Bradshaw, Alma Hopkins, June Smith, Mr. Thomas, Iva Moore, Randolph Montgomery, Averin Huggett, Henry Bradshaw, John Teague.





# COMMITTEES OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL

"Drop, drop, drop a coin, in the box on the teachers desk!"

Do you remember your contributions that were dropped in the boxes on your home-room teacher's desk during the Christmas season to help in the purchase of baskets of Yuletide cheer for needy families of the community? These baskets were made possible by the efforts of the Service Committee of the council which, with their chairman Aubrey Moore, did much to bring happiness in the community and honor to the school.

The Assembly Committee with Alma Hopkins as chairman, had as its duty the planning of chapel programs which were given every other Thursday by the student organizations and every other week by a guest speaker.

The Organization Committee had the power of granting charters to clubs and similar organizations who requested official recognition by the council. The chairman was Averin Huggett.

The Athletic Committee had student athletic tickets printed, selected cheerleaders from the student body, and, headed by chairman June Smith, aided greatly in the promotion of school athletics.

In the hope that the school might soon have a newspaper, the Publication Committee, with Norma Bradshaw as chairman, was formed. Plans were made to have a newspaper a regular publication in the near future.

When anything was lost, it was referred to the Lost and Found Committee who, with their chairman John Teague, made a great effort to locate all articles lost, strayed, but we hoped, not stolen.

The Finance Committee composed of Mr. Thomas, Iva Moore and Randolph Montgomery handled all financial matters of the council. Its work was most important to the school.



# THE SAFETY PATROL

## OFFICERS

Captain ..... RANDOLPH MONTGOMERY  
Lieutenant ..... JAMES TEAGUE

The Safety Patrol, as its name implies, is an organization which promotes safety in and around school and on the school buses. The Patrol was first organized in November, 1938, with the aid of Mr. Benjamin, a representative of the Tidewater Automobile Association. Robert Firth was first Captain and Randolph Montgomery the first Lieutenant. The Patrol consisted of fifteen regular patrolmen and fourteen alternates.

During 1939 and 1940, the Safety Patrol has grown in membership. Randolph Montgomery was selected as the Captain and James Teague, Lieutenant. There are twenty-two patrolmen. The primary function of the Patrol is that of guiding and warning school children at highway crossings. A Patrolman is always on duty when a bus is loading or unloading.

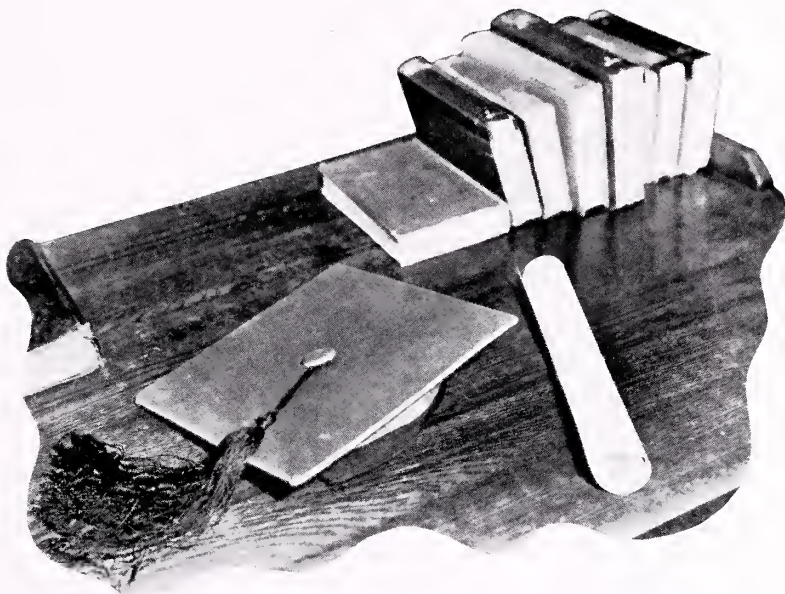
The Safety Court, which works in cooperation with the Patrol in handling the cases of students who frequently will not adhere to the guidance of patrol members, is held regularly. In this court advice is given and most of the students conform after one hearing.

It must not be imagined, however, that the Safety Patrol acts as a police force around the school. No, it is a guiding group with the desire to inform pupils of the best way of protecting life and limb on the highways of our nation.

First Row: Tom Freeman, Aileen Smoot, Myrtle Shields, Anne Moore, Beulah Ensley, Genevieve Eley, Ruth Lawson, Hazel Morse, Florence Brooks, Lucille Cox, Eloise Wornom, Randolph Montgomery.  
Second Row: Averin Huggett, Bennie Forrest, Robert Smoot, Hudson Hansford, Roy Belvin, Bill Watkins, Robert Faulconer, James Sparrer.



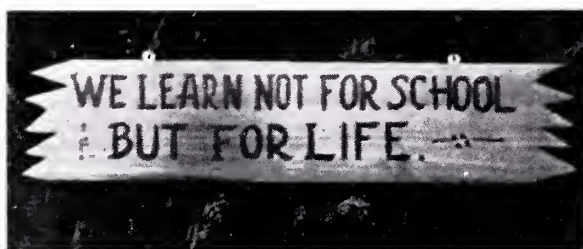
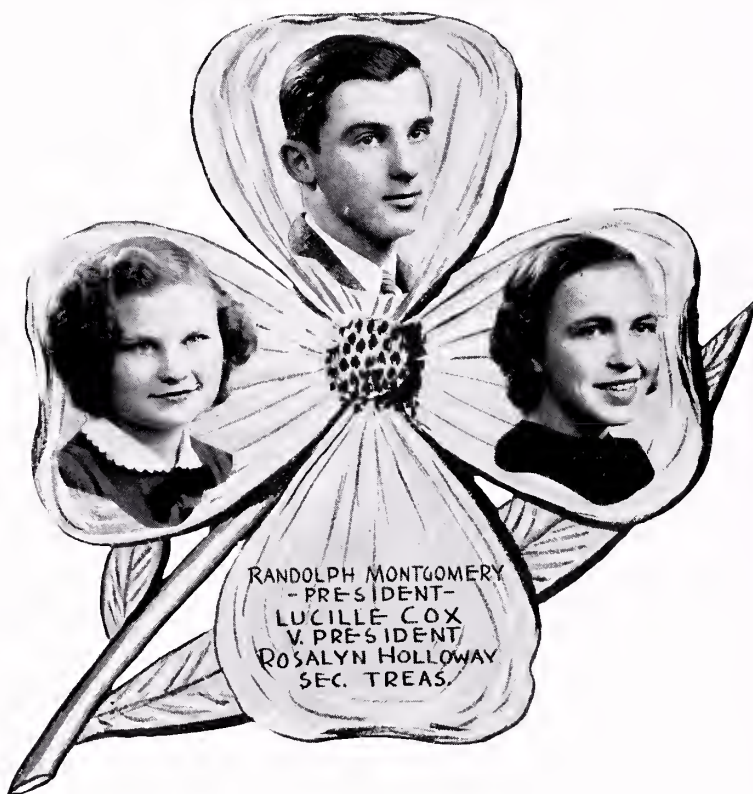




THE GOAL OF ALL

# *Classes*

# SENIOR CLASS



VIRGINIA ELIZABETH AMORY

Dramatic and Public Speaking Club; Glee Club; English II Club; V. V. V. Club; Home Economics Club.

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FLORENCE GRAY BROOKS

L. O. V. Club, Vice-President; Glee Club; Dramatic and Public Speaking Club; Library Club; Home Economics Club; English II Club; V. V. V. Club; Student Council; Sophomore Class, Treasurer; Safety Patrol.

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VIRGINIA MAE COLONNA

Browning English Literature Club; S. S. S. Club; Home Economics Club.

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MARGARET LUCILLE COX

Dramatic and Public Speaking Club, Vice-President; Glee Club; L. O. V. Club; V. V. V. Club; Library Club; Home Economics Club; Co-Captain Basketball; Student Council; Junior Class, Secretary and Treasurer; Senior Class, Vice-President; English II Club.

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JAMES COUNCIL DIGGS

Glee Club; Library Club; French Club; Baseball; Damrosch Club.

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BEULAH GREY ENSLEY

Glee Club; Journalism Club; V. V. V. Club; S. S. S. Club; Browning English Literature Club, Secretary; Dramatic and Public Speaking Club; Safety Patrol; Basketball.

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MABEL FRANCES EVANS

S. S. S. Club; Glee Club; Library Club; A. F. F. Club; V. V. V. Club.

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ROBERT JAMIESON  
FAULCONER

Annual Staff, Editor-in-Chief; Le Cercle Francais, President; Dramatic and Public Speaking Club, Secretary; Latin Club; Library Club; Safety Patrol; Secretary-Treasurer, Freshman Class; President, Sophomore Class; English II Club.



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Home Economics Club; Damrosch  
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Club.

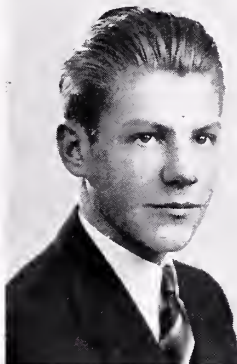
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BENJAMIN FRANKLIN FORREST

F. F. A.; Library Club; Football.

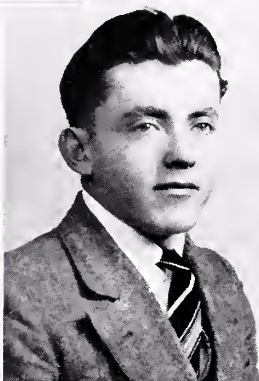
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HENDERSON FORREST

Le Cercle Francais; Dramatic and  
Public Speaking Club; Football.

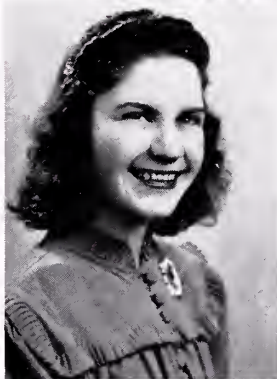
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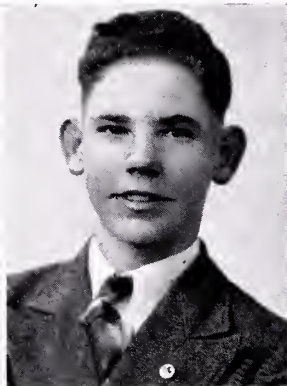
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Club; Browning English Literature  
Club; Glee Club.

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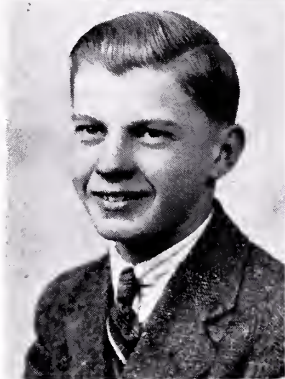


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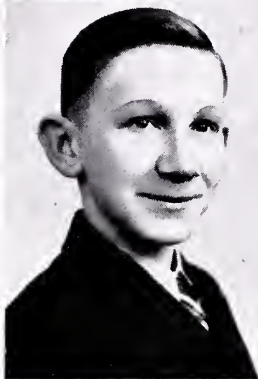
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Library Club; F. F. A.

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JAMES RANDOLPH FREEMAN  
Browning English Literature Club;  
F. F. A.

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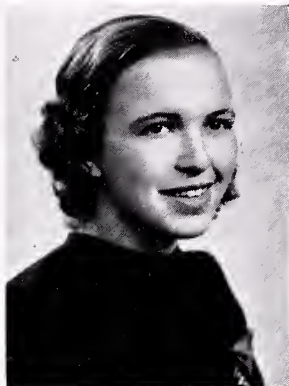


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Club.

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ALMA ETHLYN HOPKINS

Transferred from Newport News High School; Dramatic and Public Speaking Club; Library Club; Glee Club; Basketball; Annual Staff, Advertising; Student Council.

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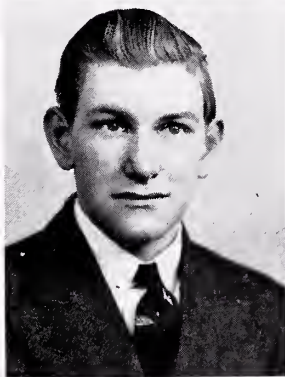
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RICHARD AVERIN HUGGETT

V. V. V. Club; Dramatic and Public Speaking Club; Student Council; President, Junior Class.

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AMELIA HUNT

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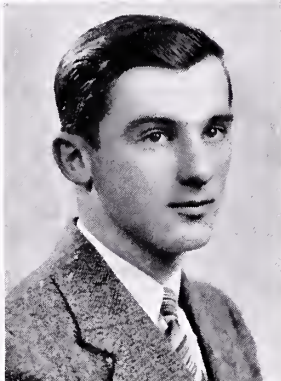


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Library Club; L. O. V. Club; V. V. V. Club; Treasurer, S. S. S. Club; Dramatic and Public Speaking Club; Browning English Literature Club.

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MONTGOMERY

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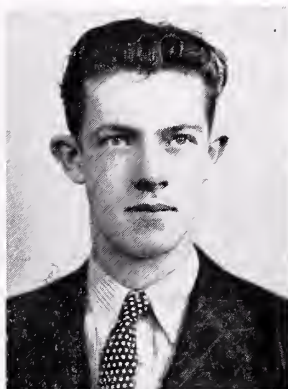
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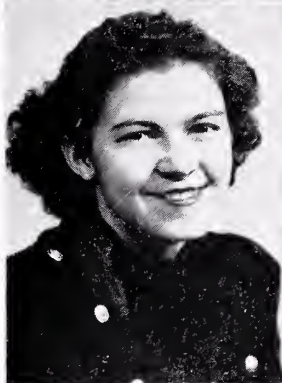
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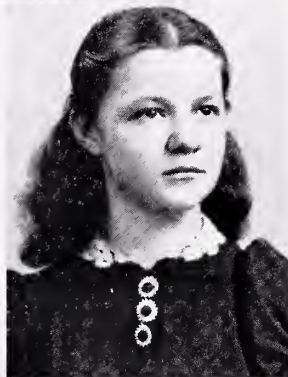
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Treasurer, Library Club; Home Economics Club; Dramatic and Public Speaking Club.



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S. S. S. Club; Browning English Literature Club; Damrosch Club.

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ROBERT BUXTON SMOOT

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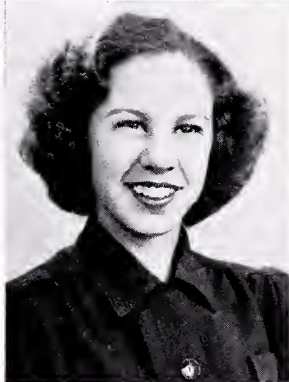
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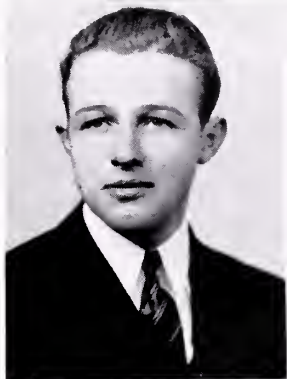


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WATKINS

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GRACE HARRIS WILLIAMS

S. S. S. Club.



# SENIOR CLASS HISTORY

As we, the Senior Class of 1940, bid farewell to our Alma Mater, we pause to glance backward into the mirror of time to see there reflected four years of life—never to be forgotten.

In September, 1936, our dreams of experiencing high school life had become a reality. As the bell rang at 9 A. M. seventy-six of us gathered to start the first step of the steep ladder we were to climb as Freshmen. We organized by electing as President June Smith. Realizing we were only Freshmen, we kept our place in the background in the matter of extra-curricular activities, waiting for our chance to participate in them.

When we came back in September, 1937, we were important Sophomores and looked forward to a great year. Robert Faulconer was chosen as President. Our membership had decreased and we numbered only sixty. Now we were no longer wall flowers. We began to show our interest in school activities by participating in them. We had won some recognition, too, for many of our group joined one or two of the numerous clubs and appeared on chapel programs.

Reflecting on our Junior year we remember that more of our members had left us and now we numbered fifty-seven. However, a large majority remained and under the leadership of Averin Huggett we carried on in excellent spirit. Many of our members had become outstanding in athletics, dramatics, glee club and other important activities. Cherished by most of us, as being the crowning event of the year, was that of receiving our class ring. In keeping with tradition we entertained the Seniors at Yorktown in appreciation of their guidance up the first three steps of the steep ladder.

At last, September, 1939, we enrolled as Seniors with a membership of thirty-nine. To lead us up the last step of the ladder we have been climbing, we selected Randolph Montgomery. After four years of diligent work many of us played leading roles in the school activities. Our Public Speaking and Dramatic Clubs were combined in order that we might work more efficiently. We wrote many plays and presented them in Assembly on various occasions. Many of us participated in the Glee Club, Commercial Club, and in Athletics. The two most outstanding events of the year were the publication of The York Chronicle and the presentation of the Senior play.

And now as we realize that we have climbed our ladder, we are most grateful to Mr. Thomas, our principal, and other members of the faculty, for the help and guidance they have given us as we have climbed each step. The faculty has encouraged and inspired us to the achievement of the great goal of graduation.

Today is our day; we have dreamed about and literally prayed for—our own day—the day of graduation. With our motto: "We Learn Not For School But For Life," to guide us through the coming years, we go forth to invade and conquer new fields.

ROBERT FAULCONER.



# Junior Class

COLORS  
*Navy Blue and White*

FLOWER  
*White Rose*



*"No Prize Without a Struggle"*

## OFFICERS

President .....	BILLY COX
Vice-President .....	ROBERT FREEMAN
Secretary .....	JAMES TEAGUE
Treasurer .....	CARRIE BENTON SMITH





## Sophomore Class

COLORS  
*Purple and Gold*

FLOWER  
*Gardenia*



*"Nothing is Achieved Without Labor"*

### OFFICERS

President .....	CECIL EVANS
Vice-President .....	EDNA PEARL BUNTING
Secretary .....	JOSIE HUGGETT
Treasurer .....	ALBERT INSLEY



## Freshman Class

COLORS  
*Navy Blue and Gold*

FLOWER  
*Yellow Rose*

*"Do Unto Others As  
You Would Have Them  
Do Unto You"*



### OFFICERS

President

JANE MOORE

Vice-President

OLIVE MILLS

Secretary

FRANK LEE FORREST

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AUDREY FORREST



MAKERS AND LEADERS

# *Activities*





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# THE ANNUAL STAFF

## *"Progressive Growth"*

Annual, Annual, Annual!! This was the word that buzzed around the senior home room in the autumn of 1939. Who would be on the staff of the "York Chronicle?" Would ours be an outstanding volume? These and other questions were to be heard on all sides.

Well, the staff was soon chosen by the seniors and work was begun on the Annual, the exclusive publication of the graduating class.

Progressive Growth, the theme of our book, became the staff motto. We have done our best to give you a real picture of your school life at P. H. S. during the session of '39 and '40. Your classes, clubs and athletics—you will find a record of all of them here. We have given you this book, written and illustrated in the informal style which we are sure you will like, and with the hope that you will get a lot of enjoyment from it today and happy memories tomorrow. Also, we present this volume to those who will follow in our footsteps. May they take and improve it for the sake and name of our grand old High School.

Left to Right: Anne Moore, Rosalyn Holloway, Elsie Moore, Alma Hopkins, June Smith, Robert Falconer, Miss Moore, Rosa Topping, Randolph Montgomery, James Teague, Iva Moore, Tom Freeman, Robert Smoot.



# THE DRAMATIC AND PUBLIC SPEAKING CLUB

## OFFICERS

President .....	ROSA TOPPING
Vice-President .....	LUCILLE COX
Secretary .....	ROBERT FAULCONER
Treasurer .....	BILL WATKINS
Sponsor .....	MISS ELIZABETH PAGE

### *"To Hold A Mirror Up To Nature"*

For the first time in the history of our high school we have a drama class. We considered public speaking and dramatics too important in the development of one's personality to remain only an extra-curricular activity, so an English IV class was devoted to these subjects for those interested in them.

Our class was a great success. We worked hard and enjoyed it to the utmost. There was fun in pantomiming, making each other up and learning to use our voices to create a pleasant effect.

The class presented several short plays and an outstanding play, "The Absent-Minded Professor." The students were organized as a theatrical troupe, with all having a part in the production. Besides the cast there were two directors, a stage manager, business manager, property manager, electrician and the stage hands.

This class was known as the Dramatic and Public Speaking Club of the school and was thoroughly enjoyed by all members.

First Row: Dowell Simpson, Lucille Cox, Mary Lindsay, Miss Page, Amelia Hunt, Beulah Ensley, Rosa Topping, Virginia Amory, Rosalyn Holloway.

Second Row: Iva Moore, Anne Moore, Alma Hopkins, Marguerite Moore, June Smith, Florence Brooks, Elizabeth Soles, Madolynne Watkins, Robert Faulconer.

Third Row: Henderson Forrest, Archie Moore, Randolph Montgomery, Bill Watkins, Robert Smoot, W. P. Williams.





# DRAMATIC PRODUCTION

*"The Absent-Minded Professor"*

## CAST

Uncle Barney .....	ROBERT FAULCONER
Aunt Jessica .....	MADOLYNNE WATKINS
Josephine .....	MARY LINDSAY
Sharon Dawkins .....	AMELIA HUNT
Joan Dawkins .....	FLORENCE BROOKS
Joe Watson .....	RANDOLPH MONTGOMERY
Dave Carter .....	BILL WATKINS
Miss Melvina .....	LUCILLE COX
Miss Esmeralda .....	ROSALYN HOLLOWAY
Miss Butler .....	JUNE SMITH

Uncle Barney was the absent-minded Professor and quite daffy on the subject of astrology, in which field he performed numerous experiments. When the will of his eccentric father was read, it revealed that Uncle Barney would receive his entire estate if he were wed within one month after the reading, otherwise the estate would go to Aunt Jessica, Barney's haughty, social climbing sister-in-law and her daughter Josephine. Since Barney had no use for marriage, his nieces, Sharon and Joan, felt it their duty to marry him off in any manner possible. With the aid of Joe Watson and Dave Carter, two college boys, they tried to trick Uncle Barney into marrying the widow Esmeralda, who was four times a widow and whose face would stop a freight train. However, their plan was foiled, being overheard by Aunt Jessica and Josephine, who intended to have the inheritance at all cost. When the two haughty ones believed all was well and the estate theirs, Uncle Barney revealed his secret marriage to Miss Melvina, his housekeeper, whereby all ended happily for everyone but Jessica and Josephine who were out in the "cold, cold world."

The performance required much rehearsing and hard work on the part of cast and staff, who bent all their efforts toward its successful presentation.

Left to Right: Josephine, Aunt Jessica, Uncle Barney, Miss Melvina, Miss Butler, Sharon Dawkins, Joe Watson.



# THE GLEE CLUBS

## OFFICERS

### GIRLS CLUB

President ..... IVA MOORE  
Vice-President ..... JOSIE HUGGETT  
Secretary-Treasurer ..... ROSA TOPPING  
Sponsor ..... MISS LUCILLE PAINTER

### BOYS CLUB

President ..... JAMES TEAGUE  
Vice-President ..... ELI GILLIKIN  
Secretary-Treasurer.....BILLY CHILDREY

*"Louder—Softer—Sh-sh-sh"*

Down through the years since the Glee Club was organized unprofessionally in 1929 with Miss Cutler as sponsor, these words have been the chief theme. At that time the Glee Club took part in school activities alone. Not until 1935 was it organized professionally with Miss Edna Daniel as the director. The first year that she was at Poquoson High a mixed chorus was formed and presented an operetta, which has now become a tradition of the school. "The Captain of the Guard" was the name of that first operetta. In 1938 the Glee Club participated in the State Music Festival at Richmond and received a rating of "good."

In the fall of '38 Miss Lucille Painter became director of the Glee Club. That year she formed a Girls Club and a Boys Club, which was something new at Poquoson High. The Girls Club again participated in the State Music Festival and won a rating of "excellent." A small group won "superior."

This year the Girls Club met on Monday and Wednesday, the Boys on Tuesday and Thursday, and the mixed chorus on Friday. This year the operetta presented was "And It Rained."

The objectives of the Glee Club are to know and understand music and to be of service to the school.



# OPERETTA

*"And it Rained"*

## CAST

Mr. Wise .....	RANDOLPH MONTGOMERY
M'lle Marie Caray .....	MARY RAY QUINN
Dennis Black .....	BILL WATKINS
Maizie Black .....	BEULAH GREY ENSLEY
Mrs. Wise .....	JUNE SMITH
Maibelle Rich .....	IVA MOORE
John Rich .....	JAMES TEAGUE
Curly Rich .....	BILLY COX
Steele Black .....	FLOYD DURRETTE
Jack .....	JAMES HUGGETT
Fred .....	FREEMAN DRYDEN
Chorus of Indians, Irish Girls, Glee Club Boys, French Dancers, and Hotel Guests	

On the opening day of the Wise Hotel, the railroad bridge nearly collapsed in a raging storm, delaying the train which passed over it and forcing the passengers to seek shelter in the new hotel. Aboard the train was the Rich family, bound west to search for one Steele Black, whom they believed had stolen a valuable mirror, a family heirloom. Also on the train was Dennis Black coming home from college. When they arrived at the hotel, Dennis found his sister, Maizie, who had run away from home. While on the train Dennis had overheard the Rich family discussing his father, so he decided to keep the names of his sister and himself concealed. Unaware of the identity of the two younger Riches, Maibelle and Curly Rich became friendly with Dennis and Maizie. Many complications developed later, when Steele Black arrived in his airplane searching for Maizie and their true identity was revealed.

Volunteers were called to raise the bridge, which they succeeded in doing after heroic labor. However, the friendship between Dennis, Maizie and the Riches was broken, due to the discovery of the true name of the Blacks.

John Rich and Steele Black, comrades of old, finally agreeing that they had been selfish and intolerant, decided to bring their families together. All old troubles were settled, the mirror being returned to the Rich family by Dennis, and Steele Black agreeing to send Maizie off for the good time she desired and then put her in a good school. John Rich, to end all worries decided "It is an ill wind that blows no good."





# THE JOURNALISM CLUB

## OFFICERS

President ..... NORMA KEITH BRADSHAW  
Vice-President ..... GLADYS MOORE  
Secretary-Treasurer ..... FREEMAN DRYDEN  
Sponsor ..... MISS ELIZABETH PAGE

### *"Practice Makes Perfect"*

There was certainly a busy time in Room 300 on every Monday afternoon about 2 o'clock. Everyone was writing the news that he had previously collected. This news was read by our sponsor on Monday night and was rewritten by the members of the club on Tuesday. The typing classes typed the news Wednesday and away it went to the press.

The Journalism Club had an unusual beginning. At first it was only a committee of the Student Council. Unlike most committees, which included five pupils, this committee was composed of an entire class. In doing our work, we decided it would be more interesting to work as a club than as a class so we formed the Journalism Club.

The chief aim of the club was to develop and encourage interest in journalism, and later to publish a school newspaper.

First Row: Mary Tabb, Katherine Holloway, Hazel Morse, Lorraine Elliott, Norma Bradshaw.

Second Row: Billy Cox, Carrie Smith, Helen Cox, Eleanor Hopkins, Miss Page, Naomi Dixon, Gladys Moore, Freeman Dryden.

Third Row: Cecil Moore, Bobby Freeman, Mildred Thomas, Mary Rollins, Mary Holloway, Vincen Pauls, Bill Watkins, Frank Lawson.

Fourth Row: Margaret Diehl, Helen Hill, Julia Holloway, Eli Gillikin.



# THE MNEMOSYNEAN CLUB

## OFFICERS

President .....	AUBREY MOORE
Vice-President .....	AILEEN SMOOT
Secretary-Treasurer .....	RUTH LAWSON
Sponsor .....	MISS LUCILLE PAINTER

### *"Energy Wins The Way"*

As you notice, the name of this club is very unusual. "Mnemosynean" is derived from the name of a Greek Goddess, Muse of Memory.

The club was organized from an English III class and held its meetings semi-monthly. The programs were usually based on some particular author. Among them were Shakespeare, Longfellow, Browning or an author who had recently been studied. Information was secured from sources other than the textbook by research work in the library.

The club proved very effective as it gave the members an opportunity to appear and speak before a fairly large gathering with self-confidence, since the planning and presentation of each program was the sole responsibility of the students.

Much interest was evidenced in the club through participation in social activities.

Left to Right: Jeanette Forrest, Ruth Lawson, Virnell Paige, Argusta Firth, Jeanette Harvey, Anne Forrest, Randolph Freeman, Emily Bunting, Miss Painter, Pearl Greene, Jeneil Cox, James Huggett, Berlie Wade, Margaret Holloway, Anne Carmines, Mary Quinn, Pauline Gillikin, Mary Smith.





# LE CERCLE FRANCAIS

## OFFICERS

President .....	ROBERT FAULCONER
Vice-President .....	BETTY JANE DRYDEN
Secretary-Treasurer .....	MARY ELIZABETH TABB
Sponsor .....	MISS ELIZABETH PAGE

*"Pour Bien Finir, Il Faut Toujours Avoir Bien Commence"*

Le Cercle Francais has existed in the school for several years now, but under varied names. The organization is composed of those students in the school studying the French language.

Meetings of the group were held twice a month during the fifth period. The boys and girls rotated in the preparation of the programs which dealt mainly with France and its people, past and present. Another enjoyable feature of the program was the refreshments that came afterwards.

The members also purchased pins to distinguish themselves. These bore the emblem, the Fleur-de-lis, and were very attractive.

The club had guest speakers who had traveled abroad visit them at their meetings. These outside contacts aided greatly in the progress of the club and added to the charm of studying a foreign people and their language which was truly a work of pleasure.

First Row: Archie Moore, W. P. Williams, Archie Riggins, Henderson Forrest, Robert Faulconer.  
Second Row: Evelyn Thomas, Mary Tabb, Miss Page, Betty Dryden, Evelyn Diehl, Louise Johnson.





# THE LATIN CLUBS

## OFFICERS

### LUCKY THIRTEEN

President ..... BILLY COX  
 Vice-President ..... GLADYS MOORE  
 Secretary-Treasurer... GENEVIEVE ELEY  
 Sponsor ..... MISS ELIZABETH PAGE

### C. C. C.

President ..... CECIL EVANS  
 Vice-President ..... OLIN ELLIOTT  
 Secretary-Treasurer.. NORMAN HORNSBY

## *"Semper Fidelis"*

The Latin Clubs were formed to encourage students to study the lives and customs of the Roman people and to provide an opportunity for reporting their studies to the classes.

There were many reports given on modern Latin activities. The students had a chance to share in the singing of songs in Latin.

The Clubs also endeavored to create and maintain interest in Latin in the school through the purchase of Club pins, observance of certain days held in esteem by the Romans and participation in the State Latin Tournament.

First Row: Katherine Holloway, Lorraine Elliott, Norma Bradshaw, Hazel Morse, Gladys Moore, Margaret Hunt, Novella Hunt, Annie Martin, Miss Page, Eula Hornsby, Hilda Crockett, Jeneil Cox, Virginia Amory.

Second Row: Genevieve Eley, Helen Hill, Billy Childrey, Cecil Evans, George Hunt, Gerald Hopkins, Olin Elliott, Norman Hornsby, Cecil Moore, Billy Cox, Jimmy Harris.



# THE S. S. S. CLUB

## OFFICERS

President .....	BEULAH GREY ENSLEY
Vice-President .....	FRANCES FOX
Secretary .....	ANNE GREY MOORE
Treasurer .....	MARY LINDSAY
Historian .....	ELSIE MOORE
Sponsor .....	MISS NANNIE MOORE

### *"Sincerely Seeking Service"*

The S. S. S. Club was organized October, 1938. During the school year 1938-39 twenty-eight members, those taking at least two commercial subjects, were eligible for membership. At the beginning of the school year 1939-40 its membership was decreased, owing to the fact that only those majoring in commercial work were eligible for membership.

The programs, which were held once a month, were devoted entirely to commercial work. They were made interesting by short plays, poems and many helpful talks on speed accuracy, neatness and many other requirements essential in commercial work were given.

The S. S. S. Club of 1939 sponsored a banquet, each member inviting a friend. The faculty of the school were invited as special guests and they were much surprised when the President asked each of them to speak to the club. The money in the treasury was used in presenting a banner to the school.

Each member proved the motto by the work and interest they displayed and have left a history that the future commercial clubs will cherish.

First Row: Mabel Evans, Jacquelin Moore, Miss Moore, Anne Moore, Mae Colonna, Beulah Ensley.

Second Row: Etta Hall, Elizabeth Soles, Elsie Moore, Mary Lindsay, Frances Fox.



# THE F. F. A. CHAPTER

## OFFICERS

President .....	IVEY PAGE
Vice-President .....	AUBREY MOORE
Secretary .....	ROY BELVIN
Treasurer .....	W. O. MOORE
Sponsor .....	MR. CHARLES KIRCHMIER

Learning To Do;  
Doing To Learn;  
Earning To Live,  
Living To Serve.

Poquoson Chapter is one of the more than two thousand chapters of Future Farmers of America, a National organization composed of pupils who study agriculture in the secondary schools of the United States. The work is conducted under the supervision of the Smith-Hughes Act. The organization is now found in forty-seven of the states and in the Territories of Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

Among the purposes of the organization are: the development of rural leadership; giving confidence to the farm boy; nurturing the love of country life; the improvement of rural home surroundings and the encouragement of organized recreation.

It is interesting to note that the F. F. A. developed from the Future Farmers of Virginia, as conceived by Professor Henry C. Groseclose of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Virginia.

First Row: Eddie Smith, Frank Lawson, John Forrest, Keith Cox, William Graham, Tom Diggs, John Firth, Ammer McPherson, Manfred Freeman, Eldridge Moore.

Second Row: Freeman Dryden, Bill Watkins, Lee Forrest, Howard Byrum, W. P. Williams, William Forrest, Harold Owens, J. C. Diggs, Ben Quinn, Durward Watkins, Stark Costellow.

Third Row: Ivey Page, Ray Rollins, Roland Rollins, Aubrey Moore, Bennie Forrest, Roy Belvin, Billy Jennings, Mr. Kirchmier, Eli Gillikin.





# THE LIBRARY CLUBS

## OFFICERS

Presidents .....	JAMES HUGGETT, NORMA BRADSHAW
Vice-Presidents .....	BILLY JENNINGS, DOWELL SIMPSON
Secretaries .....	HUDSON HANSFORD, LORRAINE ELLIOTT
Treasurers .....	ROSA TOPPING, MARGUERITE MOORE
Sponsor .....	MRS. KATHERINE FORREST

### *"The Written Word Lives"*

This year two Library Clubs were formed, one meeting during the second period on Wednesday, the other on Fridays during the fifth period.

The programs presented at each meeting had as their themes the lives of great authors. A book review was the highlight of each program.

The Clubs worked toward several objectives through the year. Among them the installing of a larger bulletin board for the school and the training of library assistants to help the chief librarian in her work. After a certain amount of preparation, those students who had had that training were given the responsibility of performing library duties for one hour during the day.

First Row: James Huggett, Eldridge Moore, Hudson Hansford, Manfred Freeman, Charlie Meadows.

Second Row: Evelyn Diehl, Hazel Morse, Florence Brooks, Lucille Cox, Mary Lindsay, Anne Forrest, Emily Bunting, Audrey Cooper, Mabel Dawson, Rosa Topping, Margaret Holloway, Alma Hopkins, June Smith, Iva Moore, Amelia Hunt, Lottie Evans, Pauline Gillikin, Geraldine Crockett.

Third Row: Margaret Meredith, Anna Parker, Mabel Evans, Katherine Holloway, Lorraine Elliott, Norma Bradshaw, Gladys Moore, Dowell Simpson, Marguerite Moore, Mrs. Forrest, Alberta Crockett, Ruth Hunt, Louise Moore, Hilda Crockett, Loretta Crockett, Durward Watkins, Floyd Durette, Kathleen Carmines, Tom Diggs.



# THE DAMROSCH CLUB

## OFFICERS

President .....	RUTH LAWSON
Vice-President .....	ANNIE MARTIN
Secretary-Treasurer .....	VIRNELL PAIGE
Sponsor .....	MISS LUCILLE PAINTER

*"Music Is—A Royal Palace  
Fit To Meet The Majesty Of Its Demands"*

The new music club known as the Damrosch Club was organized at the beginning of this session by the Music Appreciation Class. The group met twice a month during the entire year. Each meeting the programs had as their theme the music of some famous composer.

Using the quotation by Robert Haven Schauffer as their motto they studied during the year to realize its truth. Music, they found, is fit for any occasion, even as the palace of a king. The club studied music that was suitable for any occasion.

On Friday night the members listened to the Damrosch Broadcast and discussed it the following school day. There were also several social events enjoyed by the club during the session.

Left to Right: Archie Riggins, Novella Hunt, Oren Watkins, Argusta Firth, Annie Martin, Berlie Wade, Jeanette Forrest, Margaret Holloway, Ruth Lawson, Virnell Paige, J. C. Diggs, Miss Painter, Dan Freeman, Olin Elliott, Margaret Hunt, Gloria Hunt, Ruth Hunt, Louise Moore, Anne Forrest, Emily Bunting, Mary Phillips, Grace Williams, Norman Hornsby.



# THE ENGLISH CLUB

## OFFICERS

President .....	GEORGE HUNT
Vice-President .....	OLIN ELLIOTT
Secretary .....	NORMAN HORNSBY
Treasurer .....	CHARLES HOPKINS
Sponsor .....	MISS ROSALYN MOORE

*"United We Stand, Divided We Fall"*

The above motto was chosen by the club, as all members rightly believed that no organization may exist for long without the spirit of cooperation. All members had that spirit and although some were bashful and did not care to participate to any great extent in activities of the club, they were encouraged to do so by bolder comrades.

The club held meetings on the last Friday of each month. Following Parliamentary procedure, business was disposed of properly and was followed by entertainment. There were many contests in which each member had a chance to take part.

At the end of the year a picnic was held by the club as a farewell party. Games were played, from which many had to drop out—they had eaten too much. Hopes for a similar club in following years were held by the members.

First Row: Jimmy Harris, Margaret Meredith, Margaret Hunt, Miss Moore, Novella Hunt, Keith Cox, Reynolds Moore, Billy Childrey.

Second Row: Audrey Cooper, Betty Dryden, Mabel Dawson, Lottie Evans, Sarah Martin, Eugene Williams, Charlie Hopkins, Norman Hornsby.

Third Row: George Hunt, Durward Watkins, Olin Elliott, Floyd Durette, Dan Freeman.

Fourth Row: Loretta Crockett, Hilda Crockett, William Carmines, John Holloway, John Weston.





# THE SOPHOMORE CLUBS

## OFFICERS

Presidents .....	JOSIE HUGGETT, HENRY BRADSHAW
Vice-Presidents .....	LOUISE MOORE, TOM DIGGS
Secretaries .....	EDNA PEARL BUNTING, KENNETH BROWN
Treasurers .....	GLORIA HUNT, PEARL WILSON
Sponsor .....	MISS ROSALYN MOORE

### *"All For One; One For All"*

Each of these clubs met the last Friday in each month. As the clubs were outgrowths of regular classes they met during the regular class hour. A committee was appointed to be responsible for each program. The varied programs were educational and many current problems were discussed during the course of the program.

After the programs some time was given to recreation. This was creative recreation and interest was shown by each student being eager to present to the class a stunt or game of his own originality.

First Row: Archie Riggins, Pearl Wilson, Josie Huggett, Miss Moore, Gloria Hunt, Louise Moore, Laura Topping, Lucille Forrest.

Second Row: Melvin Meadows, Kathleen Carmines, Edna Bunting, Ruth Hunt, Oren Watkins, Ann Carmines, Gertie Topping, Mildred Thomas.

Third Row: Kenneth Brown, Albert Insley, Edward Fox, Geraldine Crockett, Edna Carmines, Geneva Firth, Joyce Taylor, Henry Bradshaw, Mary Wilson, George Cerezo, Margaret Diehl.

Fourth Row: Archie Saunders, Joyce Edwards, Naomi Dixon, Ralph Moore, Gerald Hopkins.

Fifth Row: Milford Rollins, Duane Church, Cecil Evans, Clarence Moore, Ned Rowe.



# THE F. C. C. CLUB

## OFFICERS

President .....	HARRY LEE HOLLOWAY
Vice-President .....	EDITH INSLEY
Secretary .....	MARY JACK EVANS
Sponsor .....	MISS GLADYS HAMMONTREE

*"Honor, Loyalty, Friendship"*

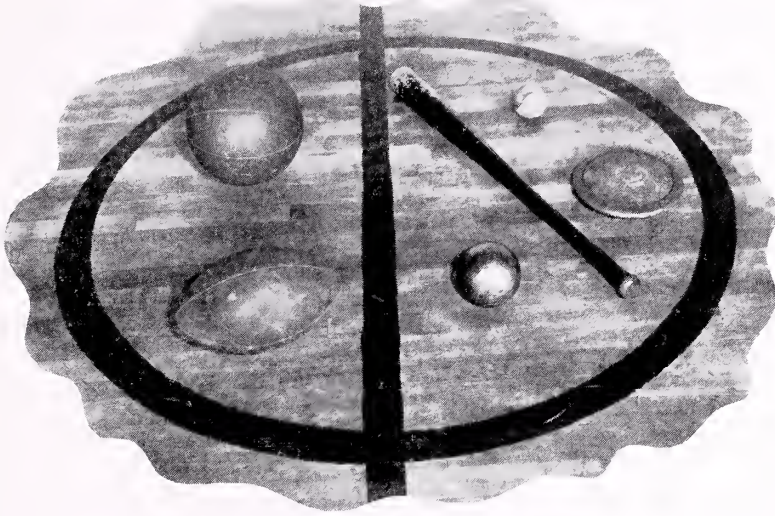
The Freshman Citizenship Club was organized in the fall by the Freshman Social Studies and Language Arts class. The club was organized with one specific aim; that of helping the Freshman become a better citizen, in and out of school and to help him adjust himself to new regulations and surroundings which are associated with entering high school. Rules such as conduct in classrooms, courtesy in the halls, how to change classes, which stairs to use and other rules that are new to a Freshman. The F. C. C. did its best to help the Freshman familiarize himself with these changes.

This training provided a fine background for the Freshman, in helping him become a good citizen and the club gave programs every two weeks dealing with those subjects that would guide him to his goal.

First Row: Joe Messick, Gerald Patesel, Billy Holloway, Lemuel Ward, Hugh Forrest, Wallie White, James Forrest, Freeman Forrest, Harry Holloway, Davis Evans.

Second Row: Charline Forrest, Esther Huggett, Benlah Carmines, Ruth Hopkins, Elaine Robertson, Ella Moore, Mabel Topping, Rosemillia Robertson, Pauline Forrest, Sara Carmines, Miss Hammontree, Norma Moore, Alma Moore, Vista Freeman, Ann Wilson, Margaret Insley, Edith Insley, Mary Evans, Malvina Moore.





MAJOR SPORTS

*Athletics*



# THE FOOTBALL TEAM

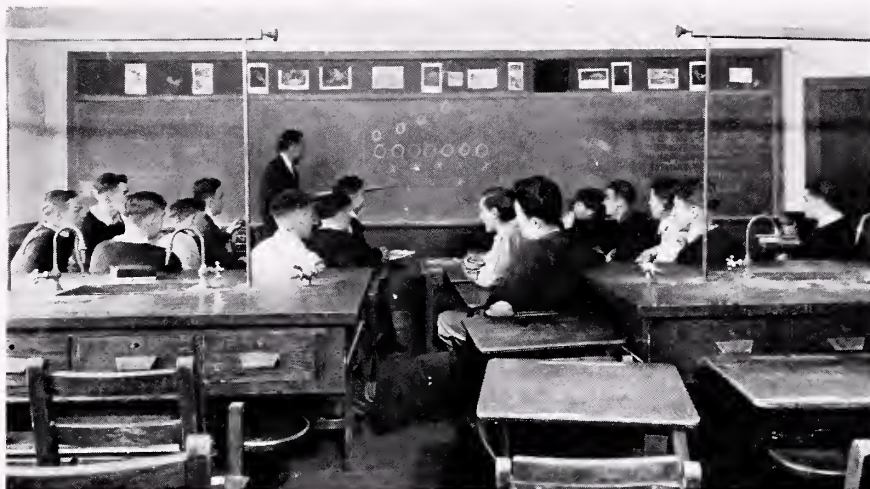
Captain .....	BILL WATKINS
Playing Manager .....	ROBERT SMOOT
Coach .....	MR. EDWARD COX
Assistant Coach .....	MR. ROBERT WATKINS

Football's on the upswing! Those of you who are familiar with the record of '39 may be amazed at this statement. But it's a fact that this was the first season in a number of years when P. H. S. has played an organized schedule. True, it was not a long schedule, six games in all, but it was planned in advance and played in good form, entirely different from the haphazard fashion of former years.

More fellows were out for the game in the past season than ever before. They had handicaps, big ones. There was lack of training equipment, lack of adequate practice field and lack of experienced material as many regulars were lost to the team by graduation. However, the gaps were ably filled. Despite these drawbacks football went over better in '39 than in a number of seasons. Five seniors ended their football careers in the final game of '39.

But keep your eyes peeled for those lads of P. H. S. who carry her colors on the gridiron in the coming years. They'll be bringing back more glory for the honor of the school.





## 1939 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

September 29—Morrison .....	There
October 13—Christ Church .....	There
October 20—Newport News Junior Varsity .....	There
November 3—George Wythe .....	There
November 10—Achilles .....	There
November 17—South Norfolk .....	There



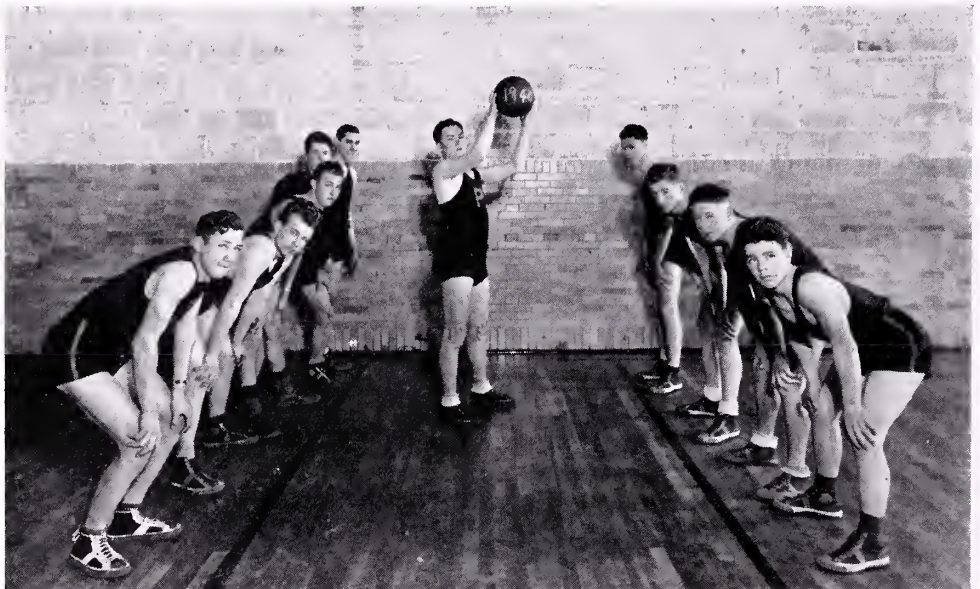
# THE BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

Captain ..... WILLIAM ALFRED CARMINES  
Playing Manager ..... DURWARD WATKINS  
Coach ..... MR. EDWARD COX

When the snappy air of autumn gave way to bitter winter winds, attention was shifted from the gridiron to the school gym. What a grand boost for the basketball season we found there! A new floor! All vestiges of the old were gone, supplanted by a beautiful new hardwood in which you saw your faces. The new floor was acclaimed by some visiting teams as the best they had played on during the '40 season.

Many lads turned up for the great cage game, to play in the P. H. S. campaign of 1940. Paced by returned veterans, the hoopsters met with fair success in their pursuit of the elusive basket. What shrieks of delight from our fans when a goal rattled the backboards for a two-pointer for the home lads! Such moans as a foul shot bounced off the edge of the hoop. All this made up the excitement that constituted the greatest sport at P. H. S. More power to all succeeding teams who dribble the leather sphere down the court for that tantalizing two-point toss.

Left to Right: Durward Watkins, Floyd Durette, Bill Watkins, Cecil Evans, George Cerezo, W. Alfred Carmines, Ned Rowe, James Huggett, Albert Insley, John T. Firth.





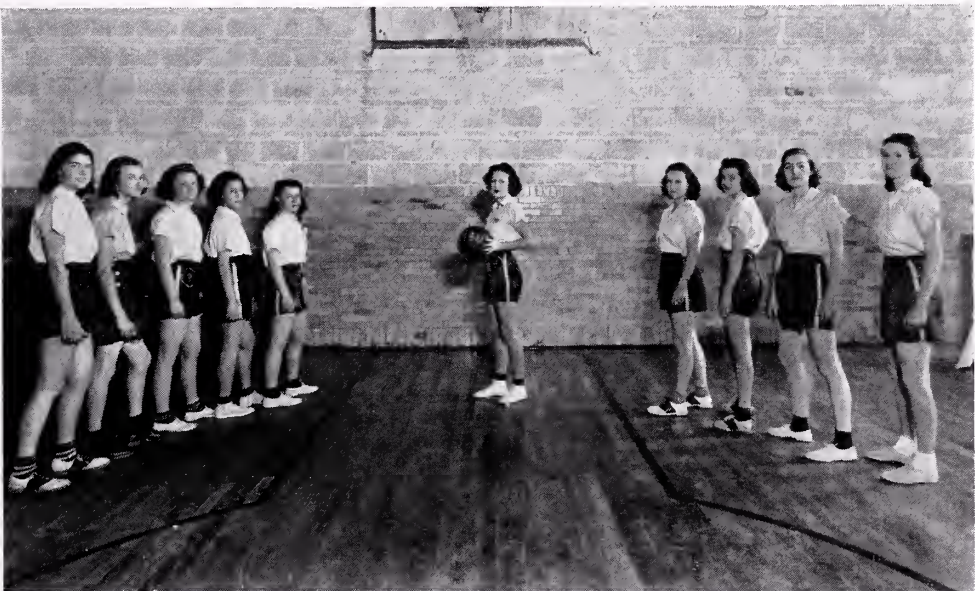
# THE GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

Captain ..... DOWELL SIMPSON  
Manager ..... JUNE SMITH  
Coach ..... MR. EDWARD COX  
Assistant Coach ..... MR. ARCHIE TOPPING

With excellent tutoring the lassies of P. H. S. swept to their most successful season of play in many years. Having many veterans to set the pace, the outfit set up a great record for the season of '40, boasting eight victories against two setbacks. Scoring decisively over George Wythe, Matthew Whaley, Morrison, St. Vincent's and Hampton, the squad bowed only to St. Vincent's and Morrison, in return games by close scores.

Though the odds were placed against them, the team came through in great fashion, scoring several upsets to make them the pride of all the school and adding further proof to the fact that athletics are on the upswing at our old High School. Long may her colors wave over all fields of scholastic sport and may her name be known far and wide as a champion of clean play and sportsmanship for the eternal honor of our school.

Left to Right: Alma Hopkins, Jeanette Forrest, Lucille Cox, Rosa Topping, Iva Moore, Dowell Simpson, Carrie Smith, Beulah Ensley, Anne Moore, June Smith.





THE BASEBALL TEAM



THE TRACK TEAM



PRIZE WINNING SNAP

# *Features*





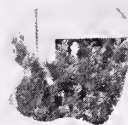
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B.S.A. WEEK



LUNCHTIME RUSH



W.T.P.M.



INVERTED "Y"



QUEEN OF THE MAY



WHOOPEE!!



SOPHS-  
AND RA-T



BELL BOY



THE WORKER



WHAT JOY, THE SNOW



HUNGRY SOPHS.



SNOW BALL



ENTERPRISING  
YOUNG MAN..



LARGE AND SMALL



STOP TALKING, PLEASE



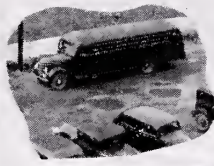
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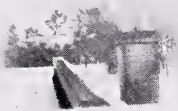
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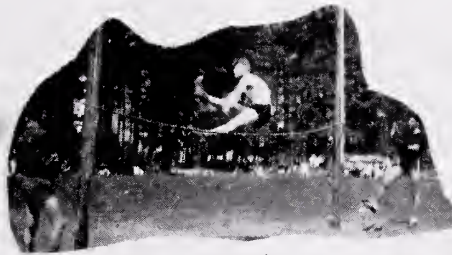
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FIRING UP



'LASSES KITTY



TRACK MEET



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CAFETERIA CUSTODIANS



SOMEDAY A QUEEN



HANDLED WITH FORCE



BUS BOSS



# SENIOR WHO'S WHO



BEST BOY  
ATHLETE



PRETTIEST GIRL



BEST LOOKING  
BOY



BEST GIRL ATHLETE



BEST BOY STUDENT



BEST GIRL STUDENT



BEST ALL-ROUND  
BOY



MOST POLITE GIRL



MOST DIGNIFIED BOY



BEST ALL-ROUND GIRL



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By 1781 the town of Yorke, now Yorktown, had sixty houses and four hundred people. The population today is smaller than in 1781. Yorktown is a National landmark and a shrine of patriotism, because of the surrender of the British army to the American and French allies following a thirteen day siege on October 19, 1781. This surrender marks the little Village as the birthplace of American Independence.

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Site of Old Swan Tavern: First owned by "Scotch Tom" Nelson and Joseph Walker in 1722. In 1761 the Tavern became the property of Thomas Nelson, Jr., by deed of gift from his father, William Nelson, son of "Scotch Tom" Nelson. The Swan Tavern was destroyed when General McClellan's ammunition

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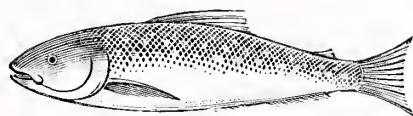
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stored in the old court house exploded in 1862. The ancient Swan stood in front of the present modern court house—across the street. It has been restored on this location.

The Grace Episcopal Church: Built of marl rock from the York River, about 1699, perhaps earlier. It was burned in 1814 but later restored. In the cemetery, are tombs of Thomas Nelson, the immigrant; his son, President William Nelson, and his grandson, General-Governor Thomas Nelson, Jr. Rev. John Camm was minister of Grace Church before the Revolution. A brick wall was built around the church yard in 1931 on the foundation of the original wall by money given by Mrs. Chatfield Taylor.

The Moore House on Temple Farm: Here at the home of Augustine Moore, the British and allied commissioners met October 18, 1781, to formulate articles of capitulation for Lord

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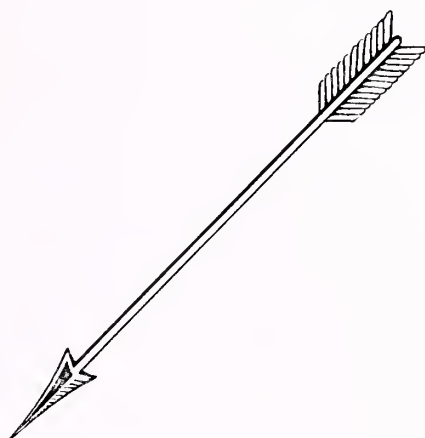
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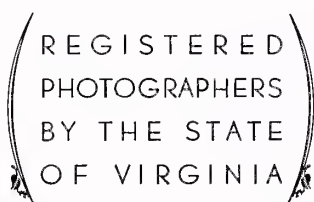
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